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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/004,847

Applicant(s)

CLARK ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey B. Robertson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5 and 8-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4,6 and 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is two paragraphs long. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 5, and 8-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Smith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,350,795, cited on IDS).

Upon further review of the Smith et al reference and upon review of the prosecution of the 10/124,523 application, the examiner's position is that the following rejection is warranted.

For claims 1, 5, 8, and 9, in Example 1, column 12, Smith teaches the reaction of N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoethyl alcohol with N-100, an aliphatic triisocyanate, in an amount of 1.8 moles to 1.08 moles, which would allow for the reaction of at least 50% of the available isocyanate groups due to the presence of three isocyanate groups per mole of N-100. In column 5, lines 60-63, Smith specifically exemplifies perfluorinated groups where the amount of carbons is three. As suggested by the reference, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use perfluorinated groups of three carbon atoms in preparing the polyurethane of the Smith reference.

For claim 10, Smith teaches the addition of anti-soiling agents in column 9, lines 22-26.

For claims 11-16, in column 10, line 58 through column 11, line 63, Smith teaches that a treatment composition is formed from the addition of a solvent where the amount of fluorochemical present is from 0.5-10% by weight. Here Smith teaches that the treatment is applied and dried at room temperature, which would form a coated article.

For claim 17, in column 4, lines 1-5, Smith teaches surfactants made from fluorinated acrylates and polyalkylene glycol acrylates.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5, and 8-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's Declaration is sufficient to overcome the Qiu et al. (US 2003/0026997 A1) reference applied in the previous office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-4, 6, and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

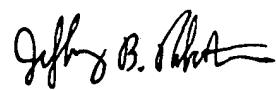
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey B. Robertson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1092. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:00-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy P. Gulakowski can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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